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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF SALT TALKS (SALT TWO-495)

1. MY PRIVATE MEETING WITH SEMENOV THIS MORNING WAS WITHOUT ANY SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS, EACH OF US CAREFULLY CONFINING OURSELVES TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT WE BREAK UP OUR PREVIOUS PATTERN OF PLENARY MEETINGS ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AND THEREFORE HOLD THE FIRST DELEGATION MEETING ON MONDAY, HE TOPPED ME BY SUGGESTING THAT THE FIRST DELEGATION MEETING TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, SATURDAY, TO WHICH I AGREED. WE ALSO AGREED THAT WE WOULD DROP THE PATTERN OF NUMBERING MEETINGS AND WOULD BE FLEXIBLE AS TO THE COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF MEETINGS, WITH PROVISION FOR AD HOC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AS NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOPED.

2. HE LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON AVOIDING LEAKS. IN RESPONSE TO MY STATEMENT THAT, AS HE KNEW WAS THE AMERICAN PATTERN ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, THERE HAD BEEN "LIVELY DISCUSSION OF VLADIVOSTOK," HE SAID THAT "I COULD NOT SAY THAT WE DO NOT

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ENCOUNTER OUR OWN PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING,

BUT AN UNDERSTANDING IS AN UNDERSTANDING AND WE PROCEED
FROM THE PREMISE THAT IT WILL BE THE BASIS THAT WE WILL
STRUCTURE THE NEW AGREEMENT."

3. HE SAID THAT SOVIET DELEGATION REMAINED THE SAME AS AT
PREVIOUS SESSION AND THAT HAVING REGAINED HIS HEALTH GENERAL
TRUSOV HAD REJOINED THE DELEGATION.

4. INCIDENTALLY, DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION HE SAID THAT
THEY HAD ESPECIALLY NOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS STATEMENT
OF JANUARY 16. HOWEVER WHEN I SAID I COULD NOT OFFHAND RECALL
THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENT AND ASKED HIM WHAT IT WAS THAT HAD
ESPECIALLY ATTRACTED THEIR ATTENTION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS
SIMPLY NOTING THE STATEMENT OF THAT DATE ALONG WITH THE OTHER
HELPFUL STATEMENTS THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MADE. JOHNSON

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